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DURHAM, N.H. -- Student researchers in the University of New Hampshire's College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA) will present the results of their projects at the ninth annual COLSA Undergraduate Research Conference Saturday, May 6.

The conference will open at 8:20 a.m., with oral presentations taking place from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and poster presentations taking place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Great Bay Room of the New England Center. All interested people are invited to attend, especially students who may be interested in becoming involved in undergraduate research at UNH.

Students involved in this year's conference will be presenting research on a variety of topics in the life and agricultural sciences. Among these are projects on seasonal metabolic rhythms in white-tailed deer, behavior of lobsters in and around traps, and activation of src family kinases in human breast tumor tissues revealed by immunohistochemistry.

The COLSA Undergraduate Research Conference is modeled after those held by professional scientific organizations and enables UNH undergraduate scientists to present their research findings publicly. The hard work of faculty who supervise the students is also recognized.

Many of the projects presented at the conference were initiated and developed by students, and many received support through the UNH Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). Other projects are products of ongoing research in the sponsoring faculty member's laboratory. These experiences are part of the professional development of both faculty and students, and are an important part of the "collaborative learning"

environment which characterizes COLSA.

The COLSA Undergraduate Research Conference Committee includes Paul Tsang, chair, Department of Animal and Nutritional Sciences; Barbara Millman, administrative secretary; Donna Brown, director of UROP; Wayne Fagerberg, Department of Plant Biology; Estelle Hrabak, Department of Plant Biology; Peter Pekins, Department of Natural Resources; Eric Schaller, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Stacia Sower, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; and Chuck Walker, Department of Zoology.

The COLSA conference is part of the First Annual Undergraduate Research Conference at UNH May 5-7. This campus-wide event showcases student research and creative efforts in several sites, including exhibitions, performances, poster displays, presentations and competitions.

For further information on the conference, contact Paul Tsang at 603-862-3479, or Barbara Millman at 862-2101. Also visit the conference website at <http://arethusa.unh.edu/colsa/poster.html>.

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